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SUBJ: BILATERAL S&T AGREEMENT WITH NZ

REFS: (A) STATE 222471; (B) WELLINGTON'S A-246, SEPT 18, 1970

1. US DRAFT AGREEMENT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GNZ.
MFA INDICATES THERE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH DRAFT BUT
SOME CHANGES LIKELY TO BE REQUESTED. NO INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON WHAT CHANGES MAY BE, BUT MFA OFFICIALS
HAVE STRESSED PM KIRK'S INSISTENCE THAT AGREEMENT REFLECT
FULL NZ EQUALITY WITH US IN CARRYING OUT RESEARCH PRO-
GRAMS. EMBASSY EXPECTS TO HAVE GNZ COMMENTS THIS
WEEK.

2. WE ASSUME FINAL AGREEMENT WILL TAKE FORM OF EXCHANGE
OF NOTES. IS THIS CORRECT? WHERE?

3. IS EMBASSY CORRECT IN ASSUMING THIS WILL BE
EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT NOT REQUIRING SENATE APPROVAL?

4. KIRK ANNOUNCED NOV. 20 APPOINTMENT OF AUCKLAND
UNIV. VICE CHANCELLOR COLIN MAIDEN TO DIRECT NZ EFFORTS
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UNDER S&T AGREEMENT. MAIDEN, AGE 40, IS A RHODES

SCHOLAR AND ENGINEER WHO WORKED WITH GENERAL MOTORS FROM 1962 TO 1970. BY 1968 HE WAS IN CHARGE OF FOUR DEPARTMENTS OF GM'S TECHNICAL CENTER AT WARREN, MICHIGAN. HE HAS WORKED ON NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SPACE PROGRAMS (SEE REF B). WHEN I SAW HIM NOVEMBER 30 HE WAS READING UP ON ENERGY. HE TOLD ME: A) AT PM KIRK'S REQUEST THE UNIVERSITY WILL GIVE HIM PERMISSION TO DEVOTE 10-15 PERCENT OF HIS TIME TO THE NZ-US S&T PROGRAM, B) HE HAS IN MIND ASKING PROFESSOR BRIAN HENSHALL OF HIS STAFF TO BE HIS DEPUTY. HENSHALL BORN IN UK, IS US CITIZEN WHERE HE REPORTEDLY HAD IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES IN AVIONICS DURING PAST DECADE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I MET HENSHALL, WHO CAME TO NZ SIX WEEKS AGO AND PLANS STAY FIVE YEARS. HE AND MAIDEN ARE IMPRESSIVE. MAIDEN DESIRES WORK WITH US ON ANY PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HELP BOTH COUNTRIES TOWARDS ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN GEOTHERMAL.

5. KIRK HAS ALSO PUBLICLY STATED THAT GNZ BUDGET FOR PROGRAM WILL BE EQUIVALENT OF US DOLS 4,500,000 ANNUALLY.

6. COMMENT: LEVEL OF INTENDED GNZ BUDGET INPUT AND APPOINTMENT OF MAIDEN ARE INDICATORS OF HIGH PRIORITY KIRK GIVES S&T PROJECT. EMBASSY HOPES US WILL MATCH NZ INPUT AND SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO EXPANDING THIS AGREEMENT FROM BILATERAL TO MULTILATERAL.
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